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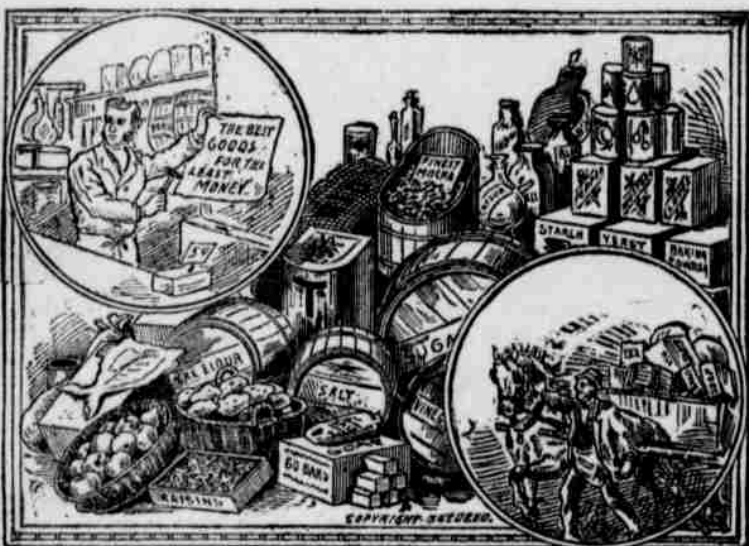
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## ALPENA ARGUS.

J. C. VIAL, Publisher & Proprietor  
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Largest Circulation and Best Advertising Medium in Alpena County.

Wednesday, September 13, 1893.

James G. Blaine: "This McKinley bill is the most infamous piece of legislation that was ever proposed to be fastened upon any people. It does not furnish market for a bushel of American wheat or a pound of American pork."

Two important appointments were made in Michigan last week. John J. Enright was appointed postmaster at Detroit, and Gen. I. M. Smith, of Grand Rapids, was appointed internal revenue collector for western Michigan. Both excellent appointments.

A state tax of over \$10,000 called for this year is the largest Alpena county has ever had to pay. But that is the amount our county will pay this year, notwithstanding the fact that the organette did so much hawking a year ago, and asked the farmers to vote for Republican "economy."

During the past ten days the manufacturers of the country have started up to such an extent that over fifty thousand employees have been given work, and the prospects for good business is very promising. The surplus stocks of over-production have been greatly reduced, and trade is again finding its natural channels.

The Lake Angeline mine, at Ishpeming, employing 700 men, which has been working two-thirds time for nearly a month, and which it was feared would close down entirely, has put men at work on full time and will make no further reductions. A general improvement in the condition of the iron mining district is anticipated.

The Grand Army of the Republic held its annual re-union at Indianapolis last week, and that city was fairly alive with survivors of the war, wearing the blue. Capt. J. G. B. Adams, of Massachusetts, was chosen Commander-in-Chief of the organization, which is a just tribute to that gallant officer, so well loved among his comrades.

With a tenacity of purpose that amounts to recklessness the Democrats are going ahead with a new tariff bill in the face of existing industrial depression. — Kalamazoo Telegraph. One of these days the Telegraph man will stand on a corner as a fire engine dashes by, and exclaim: "See that, now! Although that fire has got a big start and is sure, if let alone, to destroy the building, yet those firemen, with a tenacity of purpose that amounts to recklessness, are going right ahead to extinguish it." — Free Press.

Brighter grows the situation every day. The press is teeming with good news from all sides. Real estate men find the financial prospects satisfactory. Wise financiers say that money will be so plentiful within a month that it will be difficult to find opportunities to make loans. Money is crawling out of various hiding places and being returned to the banks and otherwise put in circulation at a rate that is truly astonishing, while manufacturers of all classes have resumed or are preparing to resume operations at once, and the business prospects for the future are truly very encouraging.

#### Grand Rapids.

Barkey & Gray set some more of their men at work this week and started all their traveling men except one out on the road again. Stickney Bros. chair factory started up this week with a full force, after a shut down of several weeks. The Bissel carpet sweeper company have put on an extra force of 100 men. The Slight furniture company and the Grand Rapids school furniture company are running full time and a full force. M. L. Sweet's bedstead factory has also started up after a shut down of three months. Perhaps the most encouraging sign, however, was the presence of large furniture buyers from Omaha and Kansas City.

#### Secret Societies.

A Lansing telegram, under date of Sept. 9th, says that the supreme court is sure to have an opportunity to test the validity of the special acts under which many of the secret organizations of the state were created. Secretary of State Joachim has refused, under an opinion from Judge Edward Cahill, to file the articles of association of the senate of the Happy home clubs of America, upon the ground that the special act under which it was created is in conflict with section 1 of article 15 of the constitution inasmuch as it creates a corporation with special act, while the constitution aims to prevent the incorporation of corporations, aside from municipalities, except under a general law.

#### Chicago's Sights.

Every visitor to Chicago should see Lincoln Park, which is probably the most attractive resort of the kind in the country. It is situated immediately on the lake shore, is easy of access, and the home of the beautiful in nature and art. Among its special attractions are its lakes and hills; its conservatory of rare plants; its electric fountain; its monuments to the memory of Lincoln, Grant, Schiller, Linne, and others; its artesian wells; its floral designs, walks and drives; and last, but not least, its collection of wild animals, which is said to be second to few in the world. The Park is free to visitors at all

times, and its landscapes, hills and unequalled views of Lake Michigan make it restful to the eye, while its amplitude of seats gives assurance of physical comfort at the same time. The authorities in charge will be found ready to answer questions, and direct strangers to the various objects of interest.

#### Resumed Work.

Oliver Brothers' mills, the Hainsworth steel works, and the mill of Howe, Brown & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., resumed operations on the 4th.

The East Chicago foundry, employing a large force of men, started up again on the 6th, with good prospects for steady running.

The rod mill of the Iowa barbed wire works, at Allentown, Pa., with 140 men, started up last Wednesday, and other departments speedily followed. Five hundred men also started to work in the broad mill department of the Adair silk mill, and Tammage knitting mills have resumed operations at the same place. Glass and bottle works are starting up at Clayton, N. J., giving employment to 200 men. Woolen mills at West Rochester, N. H., the collar factory of Holmes & Ide, at Troy, N. Y.; nail works and paper mills at Lewisburg, Pa.; the extensive print works of the Pawtucket Valley; mills in Hamilton, Mass., and many other places have resumed, or are preparing to resume, operations.

"It is the tariff issue," remarked a staunch Republican, "that is responsible for the stagnation of business. Manufacturers are afraid that the tariff will be changed, therefore they will not buy goods liable to be affected." Now the fact is that, laboring under the notion that the government would keep a fence around the richest nation on earth, manufacturers went crazy. They glutted every available market with their products. They piled up all they could in their warehouses. Change or no change in tariff, they had got to stop. They would have stopped just the same if Harrison and McKinley had been where Cleveland and Crisp are. The supply exceeded the demand and will continue to exceed the demand until something is done for the relief of the people. The capitalists who have controlled the legislation so long have had so much rope that they have hanged themselves. And while it is true that the disaster they brought about extends beyond their circle, it is not true that the cure of the distress is the continuance of the very causes that have produced it. There are many diseases that must run their course. The most skillful physician can only succeed in moderating their severity and putting the patient in a condition to rally when the turning point comes. We shall see better times when the causes that have produced the present stagnation have been removed and when the industries of the country have had time in a natural atmosphere to regain the vigor of which they have been snuffed.—Saginawian.

#### Outlook in New York.

The banks and operators in stocks and bonds are much interested just now in the question of time money, and there is a decided variety of opinion on the subject. A well known and conservative broker said: "Time money is undoubtedly now in sight, and call money promises to be easy. I say, in fact, fairly easy now. Of course, money will not be a drag in the market until the clearing house certificates are retired, but the time when their retirement will be begun is evidently not very far distant. Many things are combining now to make money plentiful simultaneously with the repeal of the Sherman silver law. Superfluous currency is being returned from the west. Country banks which were impressed with the idea that they would need large sums kept all the money they got and got all the money they could borrow, borrowing as much as possible from their agents here to meet possible and unexpected emergencies. In this way they draw down their balances in this city. It follows, therefore, that these country banks are much better prepared than usual to provide money for the removal of the crops, to say nothing of the expedients that have been restored to, such as certified checks, clearing houses certificates, etc., to take out the money supply. Consequently the demand on the banks of this city for money to move the crops is likely to be much lighter than usual. That is shown by the fact that the banks report this week a very slight demand for discounts."

Then, too, the banks in the New England and middle states are finding that they have no use for their large supplies of cash on hand, and are tired of keeping so much money lying idle. Under the law, they are permitted to keep part of their reserve on deposit with approved agents in reserve cities, and they are taking advantage of that provision again to send money to this city and receive interest on it. Their saving banks are also finding that they have more money on hand than they are likely to need, and much of that will find its way back to the banks. Exchange between New York and the leading cities is becoming normal again, and the business blockade is therefore practically over, so that every indication points to money being very plentiful in this city in a short time. The banks have practically all got their legal reserve, and as their deposits increase, no doubt the loan certificates will be retired.—Ex.

#### Crop Report for September.

The drouth now prevailing in southern Michigan is without a parallel. There has been no general rain since about the 22d of June. Light showers have afforded temporary and local relief. The average total rainfall in June was below the normal, and there was a further deficiency in July. Complete returns for August have not yet been received, but the weekly bulletins of the state weather service indicate that the average rainfall for August was about one-half the normal. At Lansing an accurate record of rainfall has been kept at the office of the state board of health since and including 1879. This record shows a total rainfall in July of this year of 0.98 of an inch, and in August of 0.73 of an inch, a total for the two months of only 1.71 inches. The least amount recorded for the same two months in any former year was 2.61 inches in 1887. The average for the two months in the fourteen years previous to 1893 is 5.91 inches. Compared with this average the deficiency in 1893 is 4.20 inches. At the State Agricultural College in 1894 the rainfall in July and August amounted to 1.65 inches. The least amount recorded for the two months in any year since 1894, previous to 1898, is 2.39 inches in 1887. The severity of the drouth has been greatly increased by bright sunshine. There was very little cloudy weather during July and August. The percentage of sunshine is uniformly reported in excess of the normal. Of course it follows that crops of all kinds have been seriously injured. Corn is being cut to save fodder. The potato crop will be light. Meadows and pastures are dried up, and in many cases are believed to be ruined. Clover sowed this year, except in the most favorably located fields, is entirely killed out. Ploughing for fall wheat, except on the lighter soils, is practically impossible. It now seems probable that the wheat area of this state will be greatly reduced, on account of drouth as well as low price. Threshers' returns of about 65,000 acres of wheat threshed, secured by correspondents, show that the average yield per acre in the southern counties is 15.77 bushels, and in the central 14 bushels, and in the northern 11 bushels, indicating a total yield in the state of more than 24,000,000 bushels, or 15.33 bushels per acre. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the August report was published is 1,248,899. Of this amount 519,709 bushels were marketed in July but not reported until late in August, and 729,190 bushels were marketed in August. Adding the amount now reported marketed in July to the amount previously reported for the twelve months ending with July, gives a total of 14,822,060 bushels marketed in the wheat year, 1892-3.

#### Council Proceedings.

The Common Council of the city of Alpena met in adjourned regular session, in the Council Room, on September 5th, 1893, and was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. by the Recorder.

Present, Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder, and Aldermen Holmes, White, Ellis, D. A. Campbell, Wilson, Crawford, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck.

Journal of sessions held Aug. 21st, 28th, and Sept. 4th, 1893, read and approved.

COMUNICATIONS.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Alpena:

Overseers.—At a meeting of the Police Commission of the city of Alpena, held Aug. 31st, 1893, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Commissioner Monaghan that the Chief of Police be instructed to turn in the money received from the county to the City Treasury, being \$382.05, less his expenses \$77.65, which is \$304.40,

and we recommend that this amount be set apart as per the request of the Chief of Police hereto attached.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. A. McDonald, Sec.

Alpena, Mich., Aug. 31st, 1893.

To the Board of Police Commissioners of Alpena, Michigan:

GASTLEMAN.—I would respectfully recommend in reference to the money received by me from the county, for officers' services, and to be turned by me to the City Treasurer, that a special Police Fund be established, and the money to be used to defray expenses of officers in pursuit of criminals, under the supervision of your honorable Board. I would further suggest that when a criminal is wanted, there is no time to be lost in determining how this expense is to be paid. And I would further suggest that a committee might be appointed, composed of one of the Commissioners and the Chief of Police, with power to draw on the Treasury whenever in their judgment it is necessary to defray the expense of pursuing criminals.

Very respectfully yours,

E. A. WESTROPE.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the communication of the Police Commission be received and their recommendation concurred in. Lost by vote as follows:

Ayes, Crawford, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck. Nays, Holmes, White, Ellis, D. A. Campbell and Wilson.

Alderman Manion appeared and took his seat.

From the Police Commission, recommending that the following bills be allowed and paid out of the money collected for dog tax:

John Brunett, \$6.25  
Wm. Ryan, \$5.00  
Peter O'Brien, \$3.00

Also recommending that the following bills be paid and charged to the Police Fund:

Alpena Argus, \$12.25  
Mary Shook, 3.00  
A. Westrope, 4.00  
Monaghan & Co., 4.00  
Gehardt, Morrow & Co., 6.00  
H. C. Hamilton, 3.00

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the above amounts be allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the same, recommended by the Police Commission. Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes, Holmes, White, Ellis, D. A. Campbell, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust, and Beck. Nays, Wilson.

Alpena, Mich., Sept. 5th, 1893.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Alpena:

Overseers.—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held Sept. 1st, 1893, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Member Le Clair, supported by Member Reineke, that the Recorder be requested to draw the attention of the Mayor and Common Council to the filthy condition of Second, Dock and Chisholm streets, and request that steps be taken at once to put the same in a proper sanitary condition.

Yours truly,

Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the communication be referred back to the Board of Health. Carried by unanimous vote.

PETITIONS.

From J. Frank McGuire and 49 others, petitioning the Council to allow Mr. R. Brown to run his bowling alley until 11 o'clock evenings.

Moved by Alderman D. A. Campbell that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes, Holmes, White, Ellis, D. A. Campbell, Manion and Beck. Nays, Wilson, Crawford, A. Campbell and Daoust.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

From the Comptroller recommending the payment of the following bills:

James Ritchie, \$4.00  
Edly Bros., 14.75  
Augustus Beroche, 1.75  
Street employees salary, 837.25

Also recommending that several other bills be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the report be received and recommendation concurred in, and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the several amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

From the Comptroller a report showing the condition of the different funds on hand up to September 1st, 1893. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, by unanimous vote, on motion of Alderman A. Campbell.

From the Chief of the Fire Department, recommending the payment of the following amounts:

Hose Co. No. 1, \$80  
Hose Co. No. 2, 105

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the report of the Chief of the Fire Department be accepted and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the above amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

From the Street Commissioner a report showing a careful estimate of work, and cost of same done on the streets during the present season: Lumber used for drains being \$0,180 feet; at a cost of \$3,445.92.

Lumber used for sidewalks and crosswalks, 448,013 feet; cost of same, \$4,358.18; sawdusting Eleventh street, \$183.75; hauling cedar bark on State street, \$85.15. Total cost of labor and material being \$8,073.

On motion of Alderman White the report of the Street Commissioner was received and placed on file, by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, recommending the payment of the following bills:

J. C. Vial, \$67.00  
Wm. Todd, 2.50  
V. A. Corley, 10.00  
Stoughton & Co., 10.00  
Wm. Manion, 29.13  
Julius Bennett, 9.00  
Chas. St. Charles, 9.00  
August Law, 7.25

Moved by Alderman Daoust that the report of the committee be received and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the several amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Alderman D. A. Campbell the Council adjourned.

Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder.

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